

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Minutes of the Special Town Meeting</b> <b>June 26, 2013</b></p>
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Moderator George Knittel opened the Special Town Meeting on Wednesday, June 26, 2013, at 7:20 pm at the Ayer Shirley Middle School Auditorium, 1 Hospital Road, Shirley. The meeting said the Pledge of Allegiance. The Town Clerk had sworn the following people to serve as tellers: Robert Huxley, Joe Stanislaw and Jim Thibault. Barbara Masiero and Judy Stanislaw checked voters into the meeting. 74 Voters checked into the meeting.

The Town Clerk confirmed for the Moderator that the warrant had been duly posted in accordance with state law and town bylaw. The Moderator advised members of the audience that copies of the warrant were at the check-in area if they had not picked up a copy on their way in.

**Article 1**

Susan Therriault moved that the town vote to increase the amount appropriated for line item #331, Ayer Shirley Regional School District, under Article 6 of the warrant for the May 20, 2013, annual town meeting by \$31,343, thereby making the FY14 revised appropriation \$5,331,343. Funds for this increase are to come from the General Stabilization Fund. Motion seconded.

Ayer Shirley Regional School District Superintendent Carl Mock made a 10-minute presentation that recapped the FY2014 budget process for the Region. It illustrated how the Region had come to the figure they were asking the meeting to approve.

Because the proposed funding source was the General Stabilization Fund, a 2/3 majority vote in favor of the motion would be required in order for it to pass.

The Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen each supported the proposal; however both boards expressed concern over taking money out of the Stabilization Fund since it is already lower than they would like it to be. No alternative funding source was available for the meeting to use. After discussion, a counted vote was taken.

***Hand Counted Vote:***

Yes:	67	93.1%
No:	<u>5</u>	6.9%
Total :	72	

The Moderator declared that there was 93.1% in favor of the motion, which is more than a 2/3 majority in favor, and that the motion passed.

Motion made and seconded to dissolve the meeting.

***Voice vote: Moderator declared that a majority was in favor of the motion. Motion passed.***

The moderator declared the meeting dissolved at 8:05pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy R. McDougall  
Shirley Town Clerk